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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Docket No. 410461)

In re the Application of:

VLADIMIR MITELBERG ET AL.

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For: INTRAVASCULAR STENT DEVICE



Customer No. 27717

Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow

TO: MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 18, 2005, reconsideration of the holding of non-responsiveness is requested.

As stated in Section 1 of the Office Action, Applicant added new Claims 25-26 and "... failed to point out patentable novelty ..."

As stated in the first paragraph under the Remarks, the "two extra independent claims" (Claims 25 and 26) which were added "... are of the scope of original Claims 8 and 10, which were deemed to contain allowable subject matter, and include the limitations of the Claims in original form from which they depended."

Accordingly, it is believed that the patentable novelty of the newly added Claims 25 and 26 has been pointed out, and allowance of these Claims is requested.

With respect to Section 2 of the Examiner's Comments, stating that the terminal disclaimer does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b) and/or (c), the Examiner is urged to